



## Plasmonic spectral filters based on one-dimensional periodic structures

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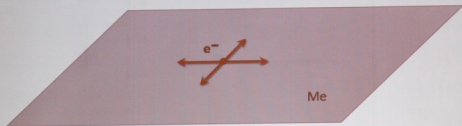
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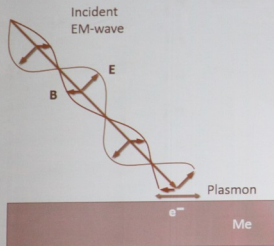
# Introduction: What is plasmon?

**Plasmon** — quasiparticle corresponding to quantum of oscillations of the free electron gas (oscillations of electron plasma).

**Surface plasmon** exists on a metal—dielectric interface



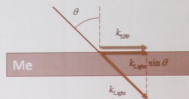
# Introduction: Plasmon excitation mechanism



Plasmon excitation condition

$$k_{\text{Light}} \sin \theta = k_{\text{SPP}}$$

$$k_{\text{SPP}} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{n_D^2 n_{\text{Me}}(\lambda)^2}{n_D^2 + n_{\text{Me}}(\lambda)^2}}$$

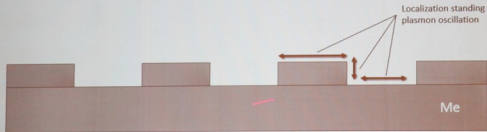


# Introduction: Plasmon resonance

**Plasmon resonance** — excitation of surface plasmon at resonance frequency by incident electromagnetic wave.

Possible condition:

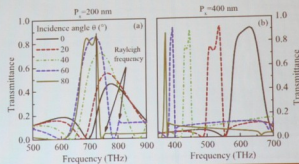
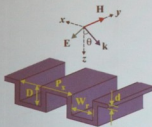
- ❖ Total internal reflection — traveling wave
- ❖ Localization of plasmon in nanostructures — standing wave



# Plasmonic spectral filter by Liwei Fu

(Optical properties of metallic meanders, Liwei Fu, Heinz Schweizer, Thomas Weiss, and Harald Giessen, J. Opt. Soc. Am. B 26, B111-B119, 2009)

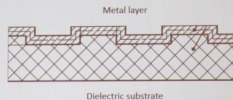
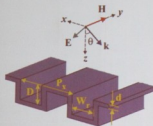
- ❖ Period: from 200 to 400 nm
  - ❖ Height: 40 nm
  - ❖ Ag thickness: 40 nm
  - ❖ Angle of incident: from 0° to 80°
- ✓ Broadband spectral filters
  - ✓ Work on the transmission
  - ✓ In a wide range of angles of incidence



# Structure of plasmonic spectral filter

Theoretical rectangular structure in the air ("corrugation" type of structure)

The actual structure of the dielectric substrate



# The purpose and objectives of research

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Purpose of work is to obtain broadband spectral filter with a spectral bandwidth depending on the angle of propagation of radiation, based on plasmonic grating.

## Objectives:

- ❖ Development of plasmonic structures analysis method
- ❖ Development of software for plasmonic filter analysis (and perhaps synthesis)
- ❖ Theoretical research of plasmonic filters
- ❖ Calculation of the geometric parameters of the plasma filter
- ❖ Searching for manufacturer and development of production technology
- ❖ Fabrication of plasmonic filter samples
- ❖ Practical research and measurement of plasmonic filter samples



# Fourier modal method

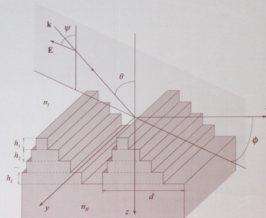
Maxwell's equations and constitutive equation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{rot} \mathbf{H} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \\ \text{rot} \mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \text{div} \mathbf{D} = 4\pi \rho \\ \text{div} \mathbf{B} = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H} \\ \mathbf{j} = \sigma \mathbf{E} \end{array} \right.$$

Incident wave

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{inc}} = \mathbf{u} \exp[ik_0 n_1 (\sin\theta \cos\phi x + \sin\theta \sin\phi y + \cos\theta z)]$$

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\psi \cos\theta \cos\phi - \sin\psi \sin\phi \\ \cos\psi \cos\theta \sin\phi + \sin\psi \cos\phi \\ -\cos\psi \sin\theta \end{pmatrix}$$



# Fourier modal method

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Representation of the field above and below the structure (as Rayleigh series):

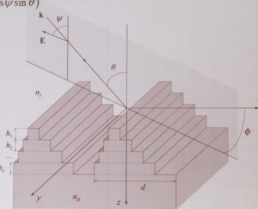
$$\mathbf{E}_I = \mathbf{E}_{inc} + \sum_m \mathbf{R}_m \exp[i(k_{xm} x + k_y y - k_{zm} z)]$$

$$\mathbf{E}_{II} = \sum_m \mathbf{T}_m \exp[i(k_{xm} x + k_y y + k_{zm} (z - H_L))]$$

Representation of the field inside the structure:

$$\mathbf{E}_{i,g} = -i \sum_m [S_{i,1m}(z) \mathbf{x} + S_{i,2m}(z) \mathbf{y} + S_{i,3m}(z) \mathbf{z}] \exp[i(k_{xm} x + k_y y)]_{h_i}$$

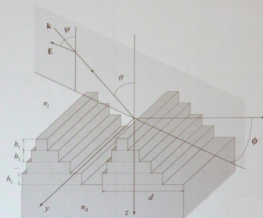
$$\mathbf{H}_{i,g} = \sum_m [U_{i,1m}(z) \mathbf{x} + U_{i,2m}(z) \mathbf{y} + U_{i,3m}(z) \mathbf{z}] \exp[i(k_{xm} x + k_y y)]$$



# Fourier modal method

Solution algorithm:

- ❖ Finding eigenvalues in each layer of structure.
- ❖ Applying boundary conditions at interface of structure layers
- ❖ Solving of System of linear equations and finding intensity of the transmitted and reflected orders
- ❖ The problem is solved in the isotropic on the Oz direction plane-parallel layer of environment

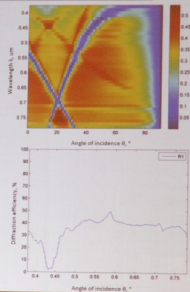


# Analysis of ordinary diffraction grating: R1 order

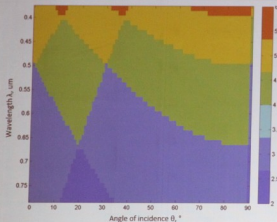
Diffraction grating obtained in photoresist layer with Ag coating on glass substrate

- ❖ Period: 1  $\mu\text{m}$
- ❖ Photoresist thickness: 10  $\mu\text{m}$
- ❖ Relief height: 150 nm
- ❖ Ag thickness: 100 nm

Any wavelength at any angle of incidence is diffracted by grating except special zones



## Analysis of ordinary diffraction grating: Diagram of diffraction order number

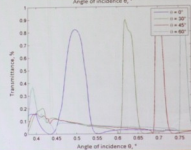
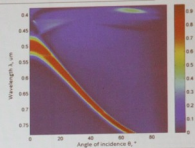
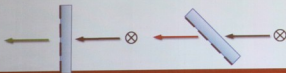
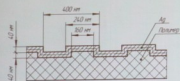


Plasmonic effect appears at the boundary of region of diffraction order existence

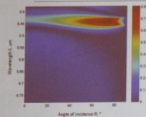
# Analysis of plasmonic grating: Effect in T0 order

- Meander grating on transparent substrate
- ◆ Period: 200–600 nm
- ◆ Height: 40 nm
- ◆ Ag thickness: 40 nm

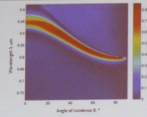
Effect T0 order — while changing angle of incidence from 0° to 60°, color of plasmonic grating change from green to rich red with spectral transmittance up to 90%.



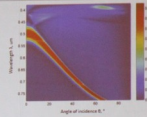
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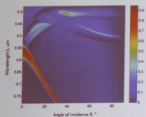
200 nm: blue



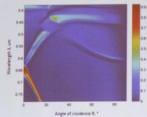
300 nm: from blue to green



400 nm: from blue to red



500 nm: from green to red

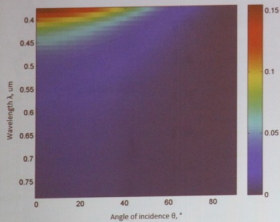


600 nm: red

## Conclusions:

- 1) Region of appearance of plasmonic effect depends on structure period
- 2) Small change of height and thickness of layers does not result in qualitative change of effect

# Analysis of plasmonic grating: T0 order in TE-polarized light



In TE-polarized light there is no plasmonic effect on 1D-periodic structure

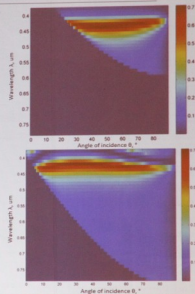
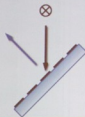


# Analysis of plasmonic grating: Effect in R1 order

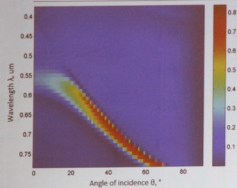
Plasmonic effect in R1 order

- ❖ Period: 300, 400 nm
- ❖ Height: 30 nm
- ❖ Ag thickness: 80 nm

Effect: while changing the angle of incidence from 10° to 70°, the color of plasmonic grating stays blue with diffraction efficiency up to 70%.



# Analysis of plasmonic grating: Multilayer structures and various materials



- ❖ Period: 400 nm
  - ❖ Height: 40 nm
  - ❖ Au thickness: 40 nm
- Spectral transparency: up to 80%

Metal—dielectric structures with various metals:

1) Ag, 2) Ni, 3) Cr, 4) Au, 5) Cu

Metal—dielectric—metal structures:

1) Substrate—SiO<sub>2</sub>—Ag—SiO<sub>2</sub>;

2) Substrate—Ag—SiO<sub>2</sub>—Ag;

3) Substrate—Ag—SiO<sub>2</sub>—Au;

Structures with double metals:

Substrate—Ag—Au

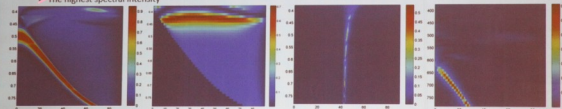
No better effects

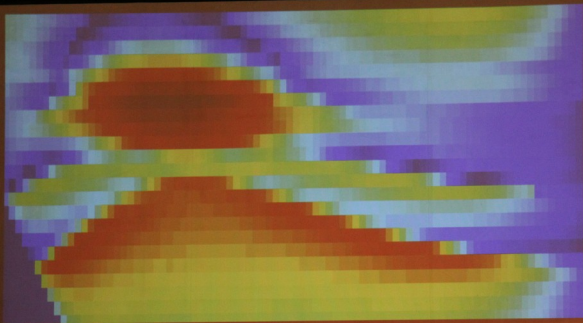
# List of found plasmonic effects

No	Structures	Order	$\delta\theta, ^\circ$	$\delta\lambda, \text{nm}$	$\Delta\theta, ^\circ$	$\Delta\lambda, \text{nm}$	IMax, %
1	Rectangular	T0	5—10	25—75	0—90	380—780	95%
2	Rectangular	R1	50—74	50	10—80	400—470	70%
3	Sinusoidal	T1	1—2	25—50	42—50	450—780	60%
4	Sinusoidal lighting in revers	T1	3	30	0—30	580—780	70%

The most promising plasmonic effect is the effect №1 in order T0 on rectangular gratings

- ✓ A wide range of incidence angles and wavelengths
- ✓ The highest spectral intensity



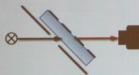


## Practical research

Qualitative research, Spectral measurements

# Samples of plasmonic grating: qualitative research

- ✓ Plasmonic effect appears only in TM-polarized (or unpolarized) light
- ✓ When viewed orthogonally, sample is light green
- ✓ When viewed at angle, sample is purple



TM, 0°



TE, 0°



TM, 30°



TE, 30°



TM, 60°



TE, 60°

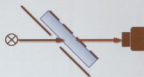
# Samples of plasmonic gratings

Zone 1 (200 nm): broken grating

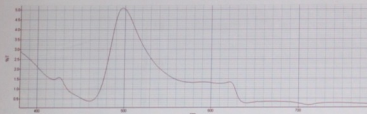
Zone 2 (300 nm): purple

Zone 3 (400 nm): green

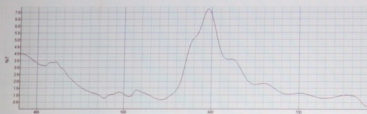
Zone 4 (500 nm): red (carrot)



# Samples of plasmonic grating: Spectral measurements

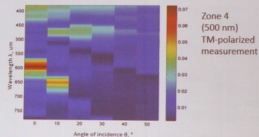
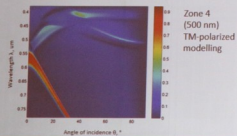
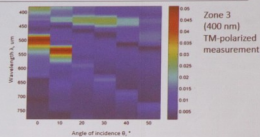
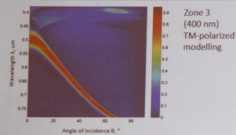


Zone 3, angle of incidence: 0°



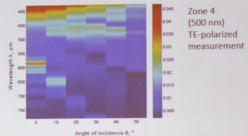
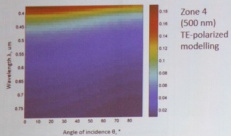
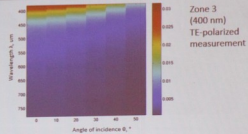
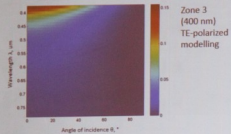
Zone 4 (500 nm), angle of incidence: 0°

# Spectral measurements in TM-polarized light





# Spectral measurements in TE-polarized light



# Reasons for the quantitative mismatch

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Mismatch of geometrical profile of obtained relief

Mismatch of geometrical parameters of obtained relief:

- error in the mean height of the profile
- fluctuations of profile height
- error in the mean thickness of the coating layer
- fluctuation of coating layer thickness

Error in modelling of permittivity of substrate material

# Conclusions

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- ❖ Method for the analysis of plasmonic gratings is developed
- ❖ The dependency of spectral-angular characteristics on geometric parameters of the plasmonic grating are disclosed
- ❖ A number of plasma effects is found. On the basis of these effects plasmonic filters can be created
- ❖ Geometrical parameters of plasma filters are designed
- ❖ Samples of plasmonic gratings are obtained
- ❖ Spectral-angular characteristics of the plasmonic gratings samples qualitatively repeat theoretically modeled characteristics

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